PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved use through 10/31/2002, OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number Substitute for form 1449A/PTO Complete if Known Application Number 09/760,807 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE Filing Date January 17, 2001 STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Maria Palasis First Named Inventor 3763 Group Art Unit (use as many sheets as necessary) Loan H. Thanh/ Examiner Name 12013/58101 Attorney Docket Number AU6 3 1 2004 **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS** Name of Patentee or Applicant of Document Number Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY Cite No. s, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Cited Docum Passages or Relevant Number - Kind Code<sup>2</sup> (# known) Figures Appear 11/14/00 Rowe US-6,146,358 US-US-US. US-US-US-US-US-US-US. US US-US-FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS Pages, Columns, Lines, Foreign Patent Document Name of Patentee or Where Relevant Examiner Publication Applicant of Cited Date MM-DD-YYYY Passages or Relevant Initials\* Country Code3 · Number4 · Kind Code5 (# known) Document T° Figures Appear EP 0 835 673 04/15/98

<u>·                                      </u>	
Examiner Signature	Date . Considered

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

EXAMINER; Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

<sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-latter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>6</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.